

Resolution No.: 17-652
Introduced: November 27, 2012
Adopted: January 22, 2013

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Amendment to the FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program and Supplemental Appropriation #10-S13-CMCG-4 to the FY13 Capital Budget Montgomery County Government, Department of Transportation
- Rapid Transit System (No. 501318), \$1,000,000

Background

1. Section 307 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that any supplemental appropriation shall be recommended by the County Executive who shall specify the source of funds to finance it. The Council shall hold a public hearing on each proposed supplemental appropriation after at least one week's notice. A supplemental appropriation that would comply with, avail the County of, or put into effect a grant or a Federal, State or County law or regulation, or one that is approved after January 1 of any fiscal year, requires an affirmative vote of five Councilmembers. A supplemental appropriation for any other purpose that is approved before January 1 of any fiscal year requires an affirmative vote of six Councilmembers. The Council may, in a single action, approve more than one supplemental appropriation. The Executive may disapprove or reduce a supplemental appropriation, and the Council may reapprove the appropriation, as if it were an item in the annual budget.
2. Section 302 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that the Council may amend an approved capital improvements program at any time by an affirmative vote of no fewer than six members of the Council.
3. The County Executive recommends the following capital project appropriation:

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Cost Element</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Rapid Transit System	501318	PDS	\$1,000,000	County

4. This project is intended to reduce congestion on County and State roadways; increase transit ridership; and improve air quality. The RTS will help meet transportation demands for existing and future land uses, and decrease the County's reliance on automobile trips. The MCDOT Countywide Bus Rapid Transit Study Final Report was completed in July 2011 and the Executive's Transit Task Force Report was issued in the spring 2012. The recommended amendment is consistent with the criteria for amending the CIP in that this project supports significant economic development initiatives, which in turn will strengthen the fiscal capacity of the County Government and in the future should leverage significant non-County sources of funds.
5. The County Executive recommends an amendment to the FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program and a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 for Rapid Transit System (No. 501318), and specifies that the source of funds will be County funds.
6. Notice of public hearing was given and a hearing was held on January 15, 2013.

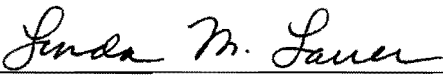
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following action:

The FY13-18 Capital Improvements Program of the Montgomery County Government is amended as reflected on the attached project description form and a supplemental appropriation is approved as follows:

<u>Project</u> <u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u> <u>Element</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of Funds</u>
Rapid Transit System	501318	PDS	\$500,000	Mass Transit Facilities Fund

This is a correct copy of Council action.



Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

Rapid Transit System (P501318)

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Transportation
Mass Transit
Transportation (AAGE30)
Countywide

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

January 22, 2012
No
None
Planning Stage

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY12	Rem. FY12	Total 6 Years	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Beyond 6 Years
EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)											
Planning, Design, and Supervision	500	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	500	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)											
Mass Transit Fund	500	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	500	0	0	500	500	0	0	0	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation Request	FY14	0	Date First Appropriation	FY13	(\$000)
Supplemental Approp. Request	FY13	500	First Cost Estimate Current Scope		500
Transfer		0	Current Scope		0
Cumulative Appropriation		0	Last FY's Cost Estimate		0
Expenditures/Encumbrances		0			

Description

This project provides for the initial steps and detailed studies related to a bus rapid transit system in the County, supplementing the Metrorail Red Line and master-planned Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT). The ultimate extent of this Rapid Transit System (RTS) will be determined once the County Council approves an amendment to the Master Plan of Highways and Transportation, anticipated in late 2013.

Justification

The proposed RTS will reduce congestion on County and State roadways, increase transit ridership, and improve air quality. The RTS will enhance the County's ability to meet transportation demands for existing and future land uses. Plans & Studies: MCDOT Countywide Bus Rapid Transit Study, Final Report (July 2011); Report and Recommendations of the County Executive's Transit Task Force (May 2012).

Other

The County has programmed funds for the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct preliminary engineering for master-planned RTS lines on Veirs Mill Road between the Rockville and Wheaton Metro Stations (\$6 million) and for Georgia Avenue between Olney and the Glenmont Metro Station (\$5 million). These two studies are funded in the State Transportation Participation project, PDF #500722 and are underway. The FY13 appropriation provides funds for studies of service planning and integration and of transit signal priority for the Purple Line, CCT, and the two master-planned RTS lines, plus the following potential master-planned RTS lines: MD 355 between Montgomery Village Avenue and the Bethesda Metro Station; US 29 between Burtonsville and the Silver Spring Metro Station; Randolph Road between Rockville Pike and FDA Boulevard, and an extension of the master-planned Georgia Avenue line from Glenmont to the Wheaton Metro Station. The FY13 appropriation also includes funds to staff these two studies. No funding is included at this time for preliminary engineering for these latter four routes, nor for the final design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, construction, or operation of the RTS routes.

Coordination

Maryland Department of Transportation, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, M-NCPPC, City of Rockville, City of Gaithersburg, County Executive's Transit Task Force, State Transportation Participation project (#500722).